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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. X Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 9, 2004.
2.      Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on                     .
3. X Enclosed is/are
  - Amendment/Reply.
  - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
  - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
  - PTO-1449
  - Copies of IDS Citations
  - X Other (identify):  
Petition For Extension Of Time, including a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the one-month extension fee.
4.      Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.
  - A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.
  - A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.
5. X A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

6.   X   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

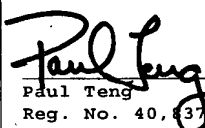
       RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

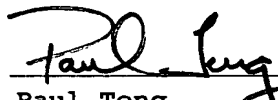
       Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).

  X   Other fees (identify): any other required fees.

7.   X   Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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